

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS AIDS ADDICTS IN BRITAIN

LONDON (Reuters)—One of Britain's growing army of drug addicts lay in bed here in a parson's home, the first heroin addict picked up by Narcotics Anonymous, a new voluntary service manned by clergymen.

The youth was found collapsed in a telephone booth during the weekend. The ministers say their telephone "have never stopped ringing." A group of Baptist ministers started the round-the-clock telephone service last Saturday following a startling government report that disclosed a boom in drug taking in Britain.

Rev. Edward J. Erswell said he had taken 50 calls alone. "Some are very frightened people," he said. "The difficulty is reaching them. Sometimes they put the phone down when we ask where they are."

The co-director of the service, Rev. John McNicol, took the night call from the young heroin addict and immediately had him collected at the phone booth for treatment.

Six other addicts have been contacted since the service began. Fifteen voluntary workers have offered help. The clergymen will put up the addicts in their own homes during treatment.

"Pop pill" clubs for all-night teen-age dancing have mushroomed in London and other cities in recent years. Many youngsters are feared to be graduating from marijuana to heroin and cocaine.

Doctors were criticized in the government report for over-prescribing drugs under Britain's national health service.

One doctor issued 600,000 heroin tablets to addicts in a single year.

Careful Study Is Suggested Of Medical Training Plans

OTTAWA (CP)—A University of Toronto professor here called for careful study of new methods in medical instruction before governments spend large amounts of money for training and research.

Dr. John E. F. Hastings, associate professor of public health and preventive medicine at the university's School of Hygiene, said the Hall commission report on health services incorrectly assumed Canada needs only more of the same kinds of personnel and facilities.

He was speaking to a health services teach-in sponsored by 21 national organizations to educate church, labor, private welfare and other groups about health issues and proposals for medical care insurance.

Dr. Hastings said planning should take account of changes taking place in patterns of medical practice, and the functions medical personnel will be required to perform.

He said if the family physician

in the future is to take on the jobs of social and psychological counselling, health promotion and education his training will have to be different.

And with a limited supply of manpower available, many tasks now carried out by doctors, dentists and nurses should be turned over to technicians, he said.

CRITICIZES REPORT
Dr. Hastings also said the Hall report was vague about recommending specific systems for administering a national health services program.

He said all government activity in the health field in a province should be brought under a single health department, instead of setting up or continuing separate agencies and commissions. This would help avoid duplication of services and wasteful competition for money and status.

Dr. Hastings said there was an obsession in Canada about how money for medical services is collected and paid to doctors.

He said governments must go beyond this to consider what kind of doctors are needed and how to get them to move to areas where they are needed.

Low-cost loans to induce groups of doctors to set up clinics in rural areas, or municipally-built clinics rents to groups of doctors were two methods he suggested.

Former MP Wed Quietly

CAJLETON PLACE, Ont. (CP)—George H. Doucett, 58, former Progressive Conservative MP for Lanark and a minister in three Ontario governments, has given up bachelorhood.

Relatives of Mr. Doucett in this community 20 miles southwest of Ottawa received word of his marriage late last week. But they know the bride only as a nurse from Toronto.

Mr. Doucett, who decided to give up politics shortly before the federal election Nov. 8, promised further details in a letter. He telephoned his niece, Mrs. Stanley Brunton, from Ohio while on a route to Arizona on a honeymoon trip.

The former bachelor MP and the nurse were married in Toronto.

Mrs. Brunton and her brother, Allan Doucett, a nephew, were taken by surprise by the news.

So was a former parliamentary associate of Mr. Doucett's, who noted that the former MP had spoken about a post-election trip. "But he didn't say anything about going tandem, the old fox!"

Mr. Doucett was elected to the Ontario legislature in 1957 and served as minister of highways and of public works under three premiers, George Drew, L. Kennedy and Leslie Frost, until he resigned and was elected to the Commons by acclamation in 1957. He won re-election in each succeeding federal election until he announced his resignation.

Maritimers Frowned On In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Maritimers often are refused jobs in Toronto because of a prejudice against them by employers, an organization called the Young Christian Workers of Ontario told the legislature's select committee on youth here.

Ted Garrels, spokesman for the group, said Maritimers arrive in Toronto unprepared for the hustle-bustle and impersonal nature of life in the big city.

"It is a fact that Maritimers are often turned away from jobs due to prejudice and their reputation in the city," he said. "The employment, housing and recreational problems of this group are immense and it is not uncommon to find them on welfare or unemployed, living on skid row and hanging out in bars."

Norma MacInnis, a native of Sydney, N.S., said Toronto needs temporary residences with guidance counsellors for new arrivals from the Maritimes.

She said the Young Christian Workers, if they could establish such a program, would offer not only advice but friendship to youngsters coming here from the east in search of work.

Often they don't know of existing agencies such as Travelers' Aid and the Social Planning Council, she said.

3 Arrested With Heroin

PARIS (Reuters)—French police announced here that three men arrested at Orly airport Sunday night planned to sell an illicit seven-pound consignment of heroin in the United States for an estimated \$28,000.

Two of the men carried small containers of the drug taped to their bodies. They were arrested on board a plane bound for New York by four policemen who mingled with passengers embarking on the aircraft.

A third man was arrested at the airport as he was about to take off on a plane leaving for Montreal. Police said he carried no drugs but was picked up as a member of the same gang.

All three men were reported travelling under the assumed names of Constantino Salvia, Jacques Duhaud and Jean Caridi.

An airline official said Salvia, who was hooked on the Montreal flight, was believed to have been planning to fly to New York from Canada.

A spokesman for the interior ministry said a U.S. observer posted with the French narcotics squad had passed on information about the case to U.S. authorities in the hope of uncovering the gang's contacts on the other side of the Atlantic.

The spokesman said no further arrests were being planned in France. French druggists provided the first clue in the case when they reported receiving demands for adhesive tape in abnormally large sizes and quantities. Police inquiries later traced the orders back to the members of the gang.

BIKINIS BEAT WINTER

ORILLIA, Ont. (CP)—More than 250 bare-footed, teen-agers frugged, jerked and swam the night away on a sandy beach in a church auditorium here. It was a winter beach party arranged by the youth club, which trucked in two loads of sand to give the right atmosphere.

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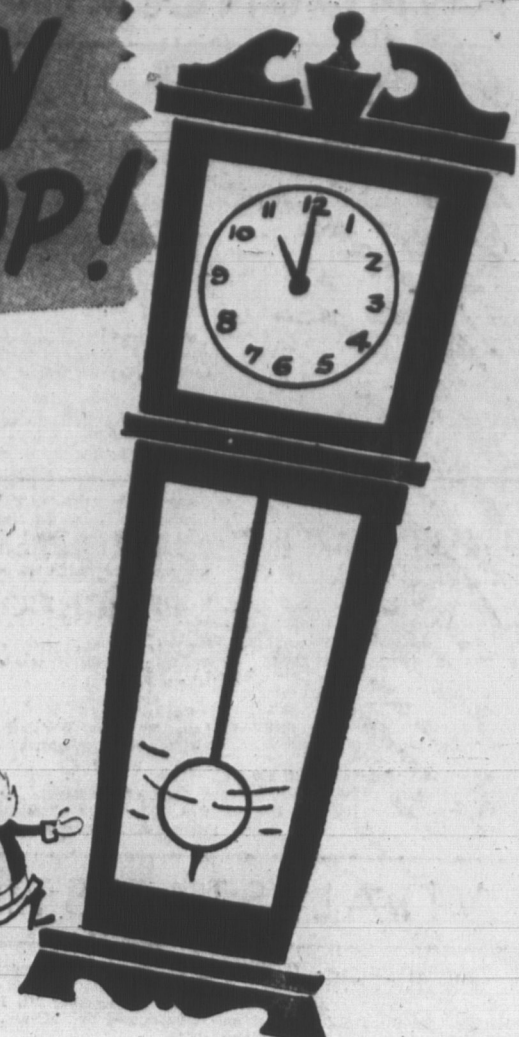
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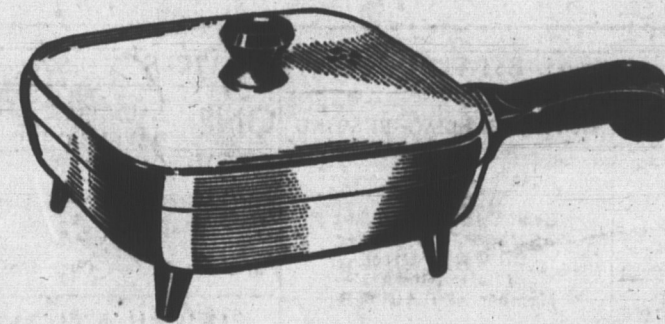


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